

The President's Column

There is no doubt about it. Adelaide is changing! It has been said that our interstate friends have always been inclined to regard Adelaide as the "slumber city of the south". People have been so unkind as to say that we all go to bed as darkness falls! I suspect that there was always a touch of exaggeration in observations of that nature, but, whatever the truth of the past, there is no doubt that, like the old gray mare, Adelaide "ain't what she used to be".

We celebrated in 1986 South Australia's 150th anniversary year. During the course of the year we saw such diverse things as a truly magnificent festival of the arts, the world equestrian event, the Australian Grand Prix, one of Greg Norman's golfing triumphs, and many other events and people that have disturbed our sleepy image. Recent visitors would have noticed other changes. We now have the stately Adelaide Casino and there is a huge hotel and convention complex at present under construction nearby.

Indeed, Adelaide is becoming something of a convention city. Its geographical location no doubt has something to do with that. And, of course, we do not have the dense traffic problems of cities like Sydney and Melbourne!

Speaking of conferences, which you may well think is what I have been leading up to in all this, I would report that planning is well advanced for the ACPC Biennial Meeting and Conference in Adelaide in August, 1987. The concept of a joint conference of ACPC with the International Prisoners' Aid Association and the World Society of Victimology, raises an exciting new dimension. It will enable us to hear speakers of considerable renown addressing topics of on-going interest and concern.

I commend to your attention the article about the conference in this issue. I hope that, as you read the article, you will form a firm intention to visit us in

August. When one looks at the topics to be discussed and the guests already invited, the temptation should be irresistible! Make sure that you register your interest now, so that you won't miss this important event (and the chance to assess for yourselves the changes taking place in Adelaide).

I am sure that it will be of interest to ACPC members to read about the other organisations involved in sponsoring the conference. Later in these pages, you will find an interesting study on the International Prisoners' Aid Association by its Executive Director, Dr Badr-el-din Ali. An article on the World Society of Victimology will appear in a subsequent issue.

The name Ian Temby, QC, is one that has become well known throughout the length and breadth of the country. On the 17th September, 1986, Mr Temby presented the Oration for the South Australian Justice Administration Foundation. That address, given at the SA Police Academy at Fort Largs created great interest. I am more than pleased that the Foundation has given its permission for the Oration to be published in this issue of the Journal. I commend the article to you.

The drug scene continues to worry all of us. Two articles in this Journal reflect that concern. The Youth Drug Summit in which the New South Wales Branch participated last year was a very significant effort in countering the problem. You will find in these pages a



most interesting article which describes what was done, while Dr Tony Vinson has written on "The Treatment of Heroin Addiction". I feel sure that Dr Vinson's article will stimulate a good deal of discussion.

The work of the Branches seems to be going ahead well from all that I hear; although I think that the Queensland Branch could do with some offers of help from members in that State. How about giving Sgt John Hoppood a ring (you will find his address on the first page) if you would like to become a little more closely involved in the work of ACPC in Queensland?

Finally, might I ask that the secretaries of all Branches remember to keep the National Secretary up to date with your membership rolls? It is from the National Membership Register that the distribution of the Journal is prepared. Now that we are all working so hard to get the Journal more topical in interest, it would be a pity if any member should not receive a copy.

With all best wishes,

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National President.

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